Central Philippine University displays its spectacular lights and entertain the public with nightly variety shows in December.

Photo courtesy of CPU – EMC

The Festival of Lights and Music at Central 2014: A success!

Thousands of people watched the opening of the 2014 Festival of Lights and Music at Central on December 5, 2014 (Friday). The theme was “Shining Within and Reaching Out”.

The Opening Program featured the Induction of Officers and Board of Trustees of the CPU Alumni Association, Inc. at 6:00 PM at the CPU Alumni Promenade – Concert Park. The Christmas Lights were switched on at 7:00PM and a fireworks display soon followed.

Now on its 16th year, the Festival of Lights and Music at Central continues to awe young and old alike with its evolving lights display and spirited evening shows participated in by talented Centralians. The various food booths at the Half Moon Drive also added flair to the festival in campus.

Indeed, this yearly activity helps cement Central Philippine University’s status as a tourist destination in Iloilo City. Everyone was warmly welcomed to Central Philippine University! / By Cyrus A. Natividad

Robles appointed Chairman of MIWD Board Photos on page 2

Amidst the issues of water shortage in Iloilo City, Central Philippine University President Dr. Teodoro C. Robles was appointed to the Metro Iloilo Water District (MIWD) Board. Robles took his oath of office on December 15, Monday at the office of the Provincial Governor. He represents the academic sector and begins his function on January 1, 2015.

A week after he took office, he was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors by his colleagues. Two other Centralians, former CPU President Dr. Juanito M. Acanto (elected as Vice Chairman) and Dr. Jessica Salas were also appointed to the MIWD Board.

Edwin Caro Laruan of CPU Office for Communications was also inducted as board member for the Dumangas-Barotac Nuevo Water District (DBNW). / by C.A. Natividad

U.S. AMBASSADOR to the Philippines visits CPU Photos on page 4
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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

The year will soon close and we again find ourselves thinking if we did have a meaningful year. Have we become better in the different roles we play in our immediate and extended families? Have we become better workers and employees? Have we exhibited more kindness, understanding and compassion to those who need them the most? Have we lived our lives for the glory of the Lord?

No one can answer these questions truthfully but us. Regardless of the answer, some things are very sure. We know that we are able to celebrate the end of the year because of God’s goodness and faithfulness. We have experienced breakthroughs and triumphs in our personal and professional lives because of and through God’s guidance and strength.

In the life of Central Philippine University, the Lord has wonderfully blessed us this 2014. Our enrolment is at its peak; we have been granted accreditations for our different programs and for the University as well. We have strengthened our partnerships and linkages with other academic institutions here and abroad. Our faculty members have produced award-winning and groundbreaking researches and studies. Our students excel not only in their classes but also in other aspects of student life. Our staff members continue to provide quality service to our constituents. Our alumni joyfully return to their Alma Mater to again experience the indescribable Central Spirit.

So to cap the year, it is only right that we declare to the Lord, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! All our blessings come from Him alone. We may have had a few rough patches in 2014; still, we have overcome because He has brought us through.

And because our God is alive and is with us, we can face the New Year with confidence. We look forward to more of God’s blessings and revelations for our lives and for Central Philippine University.

A blessed Christmas and a bountiful New Year! To God be all glory, honor, thanksgiving and praise!

TEODORO C. ROBLES, Ph.D.
President
INSIGHTS  by Cyrus A. Natividad

Mom’s Christmas gift

I visited a very special person last Christmas. She’s a mother who handcrafts her gifts, wraps them personally and lay them under the tree, days before the 24th of December. It’s Christmas time as soon as she’s done the handmade gifts for her five daughters and three sons.

She works late in the evening making cross-stitched table centerpieces, bonnets and embroidered handkerchiefs, and dresses. Those were special gifts she made for us. Sometimes she sends them out as gifts to relatives and friends.

One day the youngest child asked her, “Mom, why are we not shopping for gifts?” She answered him, “Son, I personally make my Christmas gifts for you. Did you know that love is a gift and it cannot be bought? It is being made.”

I thanked Mom so much for being able to make those special gifts for us - through many Christmases. Those were many years back. Now she can no longer make those gifts. Then I reflected on what she has told us then: “The essence of gift giving is love”. What greater gift she deserved last Christmas, than love and its lessons I learned from her through the years.

May we all be blessed with God’s love and kindness forever.

Seeds of Wisdom

In Luke 1:30 the angel Gabriel calmed Mary’s troubled heart. The angel said, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.”

In Matthew 1:20 an angel of the Lord also calmed Joseph’s anxiety -- "do not be afraid to take Mary home..."

If we are in a state of anxiety and fear, let us be assured with the words that the angel Gabriel uttered to Mary.

Text From:
Binhi Sang Pagtoo

By: Rev. Francis Neil G. Jalando-on

Local execs graced this year’s Festival of Lights

The CPU campus was filled last December 5, 2014 with people milling around with excitement for the switch on ceremony of the Festival of Lights and Music at Central.

Residents from Jaro, other districts and the city proper occupied the walk way and the CPU football field periphery as early as 6PM, in anticipation of the spectacular display of Christmas lights all over the campus and colorful fireworks.

The Festival of Lights at Central was graced by Iloilo City Lone District Congressman Jerry P. Treñas, City Mayor Jed Patrick E. Mabilog, and Iloilo Provincial Governor Arthur Defensor, Sr., with CPU President Dr. Teodoro C. Robles, CPUAAI President Dr. Felice Garingalao-Molina, and other guests from the government and business sectors.

The entertainment continued with musical programs, food festival and some bazaars at the half-moon drive. The Christmas lights will stay on until January 6, 2015.

As Iloilo was deluged with calamity last year, the festival was renamed ‘Festival of Music and Hope’. The University and many visiting friends extended donations to the victims of Typhoon Yolanda during the celebration.

The annual festival of lights started in 1999 and has been continually enhanced with the cooperation of the CPU Administration and Alumni Association. The event has been one of the many reasons why Central Philippine University was declared by Iloilo City Council as a tourism site. /CPost

Photos courtesy of Dr. Fely Chin
U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines visits CPU

U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Philip Goldberg spoke to students, faculty and staff of Central Philippine University on Monday January 26 at the CPU Educational Media Center Conference Room. Ambassador Goldberg spoke on the importance of Philippine –U.S. relations, and the projects of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the areas of education, trade and economic development. He also talked on issues affecting the relations among countries and global warming.

Ambassador Goldberg also recognized the relationship between the United states and Central Philippine University with the University having been founded by American Baptist Missionaries in 1905. The American legacy of education is also very evident in CPU through the American Corner at the 3rd Floor of the Henry Luce III Library. The American Corner is one of only 14 American Corners in the country. Goldberg was appointed by U.S. President Barack Obama as U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines in 2013 /by Cyrus A. Natividad

By Amy Castigador

USAID CONDUCTS INDUSTRY- ACADEME WORKSHOP AT CENTRAL PHILIPPINE UNIVERSITY

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), under its Science, Technology, Research, and Innovation for Development (STRIDE) program, conducted a regional- focused innovation workshop on "The Next Technical and Research Ideas for Industry-Academe Collaborations in Iloilo" last Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at the Knowledge for Development Center of Central Philippine University (CPU) in Jaro, Iloilo City. The purpose of the workshop, which was held in cooperation with the Iloilo Government- Industry- Academe Council, was to clearly define the products and technical needs that local industries desire and to craft these as research challenges for academic institutions to tackle together with industry. It is envisioned that such collaborative research ideas can become grant proposals for funding under the STRIDE program.

Dr. Richard Abendan, Research and Partnerships Manager of USAID/ RTI International, served as resource person.

After the workshop, CPU Executive Secretary and CPU TV Channel host Ms. Carmelle Frances Mosquera Romero interviewed Dr. Abendan. A brief tour of the CPU Packaging Laboratory followed.

STRIDE is a five-year, PHP 1.3-billion program designed to strengthen applied research activity in Philippine universities and industries. It seeks to create a network of academic and industry researchers to spur innovation that brings about inclusive economic growth. CPost

Central Philippines University College Red Cross Youth wins 1st place in Basic Life Support contest

Jojee Roy T. Juarez & Carmelle Frances M. Romero

The Central Philippine University (CPU) College Red Cross Youth Council Emergency Response Team won 1st place in the Department of Health Region 6 Basic Life Support (BLS) Contest held on November 26, 2014 in SM City Iloilo. The contest was held to increase awareness on BLS and develop skills on proper life-saving techniques especially among students.

The CPU team members are Ivy Chua (Team Leader), Faith Calingo, Jonelyn De La Cruz, Annievic May Molina, Seb Russel Rafio and Monica Villavicencio. Their coach is Mr. Jojee Roy T. Juarez, Internet Services Administrator of CPU’s Computer Services Center.

There were nine teams who competed. The other Colleges and Universities represented were Iloilo Doctor’s College (2nd Place), West Visayas State University (3rd Place), John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University - Molo Campus, St. Paul’s University - Iloilo, St. Therese College – MTC La Fiesta campus, University of Iloilo-Phinma, Western Institute of Technology and Western Visayas College of Science and Technology. CPost

Early Christmas Gift : Mr. Jojee Roy Juarez (1st Row, 2nd from right) holds the prize with CPU–CRCY CERT team.
Anti-smoking Forum held in CPU

The Association of Iloilo City Barangay Captains initiated an Anti-Smoking Forum at Central Philippine University on November 13, at the CPU Educational Media Center. The forum was supported by the Iloilo City Anti-Smoking Task Force (ICAST) and the City of Iloilo, CPU Alumni Association, Inc., and Central Philippine University.

Centralians Joshua C. Alim, City Councilor and ICAST Chairman, and Iñigo D. Garingalao, ICAST Director, spearheaded the Cluster Barangay Anti-Smoking Forum which was attended by representatives of Barangays San Isidro, Arguelles, Dungon B, Lopez Jaena, Dungon A, and the CPUR of CPU.

The participants were welcomed by Councilor Alim, Dr. Felice Garingalao-Molina (CPUAAI President), and CPU VP for Student Affairs.

CPU DEVELOPMENT HIGH SCHOOL BATCH `79 reaches out to barangays. Picture taken in one of their medical missions in Sta. Monica, Oton, Iloilo. The group has donated Sixty Thousand Pesos (initially) for the development of the CPU High School Gym. Oton Municipal Councilor ‘Boy’ Villavicencio (member, CPUDH Batch ‘79) facilitated the Sta. Monica Outreach Program.

ALUMNI PROFILE

NADIENE CAIPANG CATEDRAL
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RN CCRN MSN NPA
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Loreto Tupas Awardee, presently Senior Charge RN of the Interdisciplinary Team of the Cardio-thoracic and Vascular Services at Lenox Hill Hospital. She received an Excellent Nurse Award for a job well done in May 2014.

Nadine is the daughter of former Dean Natividad C. Caipang of CPU College of Nursing.

Ref. History of the First Nursing School in the Philippines, by N.C. Caipang
DR. CIRILO CALIBJO, Dean, CPU College of Computer Studies received the 2014 MOST OUTSTANDING ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION award by the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers, Philippines, Inc. The award was presented during the IIEE 39th Annual National Convention held at SMX Convention Center, Pasay City last November 29, 2014.

His application for the ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer (ACPE) was also approved last October by the ACPE Coordinating Committee based in Thailand. Central Philippine University is proud for Calibjo to be one of the first 8 Filipino Electrical Engineers, and among the first 38 Filipino Engineers (across all disciplines) who was granted registration by ACPE. The conferment of the first Filipino ACPE was held in Manila on December 10, 2014.

Under the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Engineering Services, a professional engineer or practitioner who holds the nationality of an ASEAN member country and who possesses qualifications and experience that comply with the requirements specified in the Assessment Statement may apply to be registered on the ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers Register (ACPER) and accorded the title of ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer.

The objective of MRA is to facilitate mobility of engineering services professionals; and To exchange information in order to promote adoption of best practices on standards and qualifications.

An ACPE from other participating ASEAN Member Country who intends to provide professional engineering services in another ASEAN Member Country may apply for registration as an RFPE and shall be entitled to work, not in independent practice, but in collaboration with one or more designated Host Professional Engineer(s) within such area of competence as may be recognized and approved by the Professional Regulatory Authority./CPost

Central Philippine University celebrates its New Year Christ Emphasis Week on January 23 to 30, 2015. The CEW centers on Christ and has been valuable to the life of students, faculty and staff in their studies, work, and existence in the campus.
High School Girls Volleyball Team captain receives Certificate of Recognition

The CPU Office of Sports & Athletics through its Director Atty. Alejandro S. Somo presented to Princess Anne N. Robles, Team Captain of the CPU “Golden Lions” High School Girls Volleyball Team, a “Certificate of Recognition” for having been selected as the Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Outstanding Opposite Spiker of the recently concluded 2015 Shakey’s Girls Battle of Champions Volleyball League held at the Ynarez Gym, Metro Manila last January 4-10, 2015.

The presentation was made last January 20, 2015 during the break of the Team’s ongoing practice and training at the CPU Gymnasium, for the Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet.

Present at the awarding were Team Coach Jeffrey G. Alcarde, Asst. Coach Dominique P. Endriga and the rest of the Team. Her achievement brought honor to God, CPU and herself. Congratulations!

CPU Student is an AYLC Awardee for 2015

by Engr. Aries Roda D. Romallosa

Riego Ferrer L. Garcia, a 4th year BS Agricultural Engineering student of the College of Agriculture, Resources and Environmental Sciences, was chosen as one of the 81 participants to the Ayala Young Leaders Congress (AYLC) for 2015.

Garcia was selected for the congress from among 717 student leaders who were nominated by the country’s top universities and colleges based on academic achievements, very strong positive impact of leadership and deep sense of service to their school and community. His selection is in recognition of his great potential to make a positive impact in his chosen field, the broader society and, ultimately, the country in the future.

The AYLC is designed to enhance the leadership skills of student leaders and it serve as venue for them to listen and interact with outstanding leaders from different sectors.

The final selection was done during the panel interview conducted in Makati last November 20, 2014. The Ayala Young Leaders Congress will be held in February 2015.
Congratulations!

New CPU Electronics Engineers

Engr. John Lloyd B. Bermudo
Engr. Leonel M. Blesario
Engr. Arman B. Burgos
Engr. Erna Mae M. Diocades
Engr. Paul Anthon P. Esleyer
Engr. John Alquinn S. Flores
Engr. Carmela Rose P. Gabayeron
Engr. J Vincent P. Gasataya
Engr. Kim Richard T. Hechanova
Engr. Jay Anne B. Odango

Congratulations CPU !!!

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Major in PASTORAL COUNSELING AND CLINICAL PASTORAL SUPERVISION
MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (Non-Thesis)
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY

plans to open SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADE 11 - S.Y. 2016-2017
GRADE 12 - S.Y. 2017-2018

Congratulations!

Autentico, Alicia Rose
9th Placer September 13 & 14, 2014
Medical Technology Licensure Board Examination

CPU OVERALL PERFORMANCE
Passing: 71
% Passing: 83.53

Congratulations!

ENGR. ARVIN D. ESCULTERO
5th Placer, Electronics Engineering
September 2014 Licensure Exam

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